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OF THE

Chester Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH THE—

BEAR CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH,

Attala County, Mississippi,

OCTOBER 6, 7, AND 8, 1894.

OFFICERS:

N. Q. ADAMS, MODERATOR.....Sturgis, Miss.
J. R W. FOSTER, CLERK AND TREASURER.....Chester, Miss.

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

E. R. SEWARD.....Ackerman, Miss.
S. B. DOBBS.....Chester, Miss.
W. M WEEKS (New Zion).....

NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting to be held with Bethlehem Baptist Church, Choctaw County, Miss., 4 miles Northeast of Ackerman, on Friday before the 1st Lord's day in October, 1895.

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BAPTIST LAYMAN PRINT,

WINONA, MISS.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Appoint Finance committee
2. Reading letters.
3. Organization of Association.
4. Call for petitionary letters,
5. Call for correspondence.
6. Return correspondence.
7. Appoint special committees and miscellaneous business.
8. Report on Missions.
9. Report on Systematic Benevolence.
10. Report on Sunday Schools.
11. Report on Miss College and Ministerial Education.
12. Report on Woman's Work.
13. Report on Publications.
14. Report on Temperance.
15. Report on Sustentation.
16. Report of Finance Committee
17. Report of Executive Committee.
18. Appoint standing committees.
19. Miscellaneous business.
20. Prayer.

HISTORICAL TABLE

SERMON.	ORGANIZED.	PLACE.	MODERATOR	CLERK
.....	1892.....	Chester	N. Q. Adams..	J. R. W. Foster.
J. H. D. Watson	1893	Fellowship..	N. Q. Adams..	J. R. W. Foster.
H. M. Long.....	1894.....	Bear Creek.	N. Q. Adams..	J. R. W. Foster.

MINISTERIAL REGISTER.

N. Q. Adams, Sturges.
M. A. Biggers, Chester.
M. A. Carr, McCool.
A. J. Franklin, Pinto.
J. W. Jenkins, Bankston
J. H. D. Watson, Kenago,
B. L. Middleton, Pinto
C. H Dobbs, Bywy.
David Burney, Ackerman.
Moses Black, Sturges,
W. A. Edwards Ackerman.
G. W. Hinson, Bywy.
Joseph Peacock, Bankston.
Jasper Watson, Reform.
A. P Berry, Sturgis.
J. A. Hunter, Pinto.
W. H. H. Fancher, French Camps.

LICENTIATES:

J. E. Perry, Chester.
J. B. Worrell, Fentress.
W. A. Taylor, French Camps.
G. S. Jenkins, Pinto.
B. E. Watson, Chester.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

CHESTER BAPTIST

ASSOCIATION.

The second annual session of the Chester Baptist Association was held with the Bear Creek Church, Attala county, Miss., at 10 o'clock a. m., October 6th, 1894.

N. Q. Adams, the Moderator, read the 103d Psalm, and offered prayer.

The financial committee was then appointed, to-wit: B. C. McGarrity, W. T. Weeks, and J. W. Franklin.

Reading clerks appointed: J. J. Carter and S. B. Dobbs.

The letters were then called for, and the names of delegates enrolled as follows:

1. Beulah—N. J. Ragan, I. P. Haynes, and M. L. Black.
2. Mt. Pisgah—J. A. Hunter, and C. H. Dobbs.
3. New Haven—O. F. Chamblee, J. W. Simpson, and N. W. Nail.
4. Center Grove—M. R. Fulgham, and A. O. Douglass.
5. Bly's Creek—G. S. Jenkins, C. J. Norris, and L. R Breland.
6. Clear Springs—M A. Biggers. (Others failed to come).
7. Wood Spring—James Weeks, and James Wood
8. Double Springs—B F. Azwell, and A. M. McIlwain.
9. Mt. Moriah—H. M. Steele, J. P. Prewitt, and D. Prewitt.
10. McCurtain's Creek—W. B. Savage, and James Trussell.

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12. Hogan's Chapel—D. L. Humphries, E. C. Johnson.
13. Spring Hill—No delegates; letter.
14. Pleasant Ridge—T. E. Veasy, L. C. Funderberg, A. D. Sykes.
15. Bluff Springs—W. I. Cook. (Others failed to come).
16. French Camp—W. H. H. Fancher, E. E. Burks, W. A. Lucas, W. J. Wilson, and M. T. Carter.
17. Ackerman—David Burney, Willie Hearon. (Others failed.
18. Bethlehem—Martin Oswalt, W. T. Weeks, and J. L. Weeks.
19. New Zion—J. C. Keen, R. F. Keen, J. L. Weatherall, and M. L. Kean.
20. Mt. Olivet—J. H. Butler. (Others failed to come).
21. Providence—J. M. Power, B. E. Watson, and S. D. McCartey.
22. Ruhama (Chester)—B. C. McGarrity, S. B. Dobbs, and J. R. W. Foster.
23. Bear Creek—M. A. Carr, J. M. Black, T. C. Bailey and J. M. Carr.
24. Ebenezer—J. W. Jenkins. (Others failed).
25. New Hope*—W. J. Seitz, J. W. Yeatman.
26. Sykes Chapel*—R. W. Sykes, J. T. Pearson.
27. Ennis*—Jas. Spiers, A. R. Williams.
28. Wake Forest†—N. Q. Adams; no letter.
29. Bethany†—J. R. Smith.
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Upon motion that the Moderator appoint some one to preach the introductory sermon, as neither the one appointed nor alternate is here:

Thereupon, the Moderator appointed the committee on devotional exercises to arrange this matter.

Committee appointed—Pastor and deacons of this

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Pending the reading of the letters, the hour for the introductory sermon having arrived, business was suspended, and H. M. Long preached the sermon from the text: 12th and 13th verses, 2d chapter of Philipians: "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God which worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure."

Announcements—H. M. Long here representing *Baptist Record;* W. N. Hurt, representing *Layman;* J. J. Carter, representing *Foreign Mission Journal.*

The clerks continued reading letters.

Upon motion, adjourned until half-past one.

AFTERNOON SESSION—1:30.

Association called together by singing, "Jesus, lover of my soul."

The clerks finished reading the letters, after which permanent organization was effected by appointing B. N. Hatch and H. J. Vandingham to take the vote of the body for Moderator and Clerk. After all had voted they reported N. Q. Adams as Moderator, and J. R. W. Foster as Clerk.

After appropriate remarks, and thanking the brethren for this expression of their confidence, by the Moderator, the association was led in prayer by brother B N. Hatch.

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ship, and they were invited to seats, and the names of delegates enrolled.

At this hour the devotional committee reported as follows:

Preaching Saturday night at church by D. L. Wilson.

At same hour, Rainwater school house, by W. S. Middleton.

Dry Creek, same time, N. Q. Adams.

McCove, at candle-light, H. M. Long.

Sunday morning 9:30, Sunday-school committee will report, and services will be conducted by B. N. Hatch.

Preaching at this church at 11 a. m., by H. J. Valandingham.

At colored Baptist church at 11 a m., by M. A. Biggers.

At same place, at 3 p m., by J. H. D. Watson.

Called for correspondence:

Columbus—H. J. Valandingham, C. M. Hearn.

Interest of Sunday-schools—B. N. Hatch.

Baptist Record—H. M. Long.

Kosciusko—J. P Brown, D. L. Wilson, G. W. Pender, N. W. Buckner, and P. T. Kilpatrick.

Ministerial Education—C. L. Lewis, and J. P. Brown.

Louisville—C. W. Rabun.

Yazoo Association and *Layman*—Walter N. Hurt.

Returned correspondence:

Columbus J. T. Pearson, David Burney, W. J. Wilson and W. H. H. Fancher.

Kosciusko—W. B. Savage, M. A. Biggers, F. R. Burney, David Burney, W. A Taylor, W . . Wilson, W. H. H. Fancher. S. E Burks, W. J. Frazier, J. W. Jenkins, N. Q. Adams.

Louisville—M T. Black, I. P. Haynes, W. H. H. Fancher.

State Convention—David Burney, J. J. Carter, N. Q. Adams, W. H. H. Fancher, S. B. Dobbs, J. R. W. Foster, J. H. D. Watson, W. J. Wilson, and C H Dobbs.

Colporteur and representing *Layman*—W. A. Edwards.

Upon motion that the regular order of business be suspended, and we decide now the next place of meeting.

After the vote was taken it resulted in favor of Bethlehem, in Choctaw county, four miles northeast of Ackerman, Miss.

Upon motion, adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Saturday night brother D. L Wilson preached at the church from text 16th Chapter of John and 16th verse; brother N. Q. Adams at Dry Creek School House same hour from text Luke 19:10; brother W. S. Middleton at Rainwater School House from text: Mark 16:15; brother H. M. Long at McCool text: not obtained by Clerk.

Sunday morning called together by singing "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds," etc. Prayer by brother G. S. Jenkins. Upon motion that brother B. N. Hatch lecture at 2 p. m.

The devotional committee reported that brother Charley Hearn preach at the school house at 11 a m. The committee on Sunday Schools read their report which after some discussion by brethren B. N. Hatch, W. S. Middleton, H. J. Valandingham and N. Q. Adams was adopted. See "A."

At this hour personal pledges were taken for Sunday School purposes to be paid by January the first 1895 to the amount of $8.55. Cash collection same hour of $6.80 which was paid to brother B. N. Hatch.

Preaching at 11 a. m. by brother H. J. Valandingham from 3rd chapter Exodus, 10, 11 and 12th verses. At this hour a collection was taken for associational purposes which amounted to $2.00 and was turned over to Finance Committee.

At school house by C. Hearn, text I didn't get.

Sunday at 11 at Fancher Hill brother M. A. Biggers preached from text John 15 and 14th verse

Sunday evening at 2 o'clock lecture by B. N. Hatch on organizing and conducting Sunday Schools.

Sunday evening at 3 o'clock at Fancher Hill preaching

by brother J. H. D. Watson from text: Titus 2nd chapter, 11th and 12th verses.

Sunday night preaching at the Church by brother C. L. Lewis from text: 1st Corinthians 13th chapter and 13th verse.

At McCool Sunday night by B. N. Hatch from text: James 5th chapter, 7 to 12th verse.

At Dry Creek School House Sunday night by T. J. Sargent from text: Romans 1st chapter, 16th verse.

MONDAY MORNING—9 O'CLOCK.

The association was called together by singing—prayer by T. J. Sargent.

Upon motion that W. S. Middleton be received as a delegate from Fellowship Church, inasmuch as the delegates elected are not all present and that his name be enrolled as such.

Upon motion that the regular order of business be suspended and that report on Ministerial Education and Mississippi College be taken up at 10 o'clock a. m.; report on Missions at 11 a. m.

Upon motion of C. H. Dobbs that all speakers except the Chairman on each report be limited to 5 minutes. Brethren, Lewis and Rowe were recognized—the former representing Ministerial Education and Mississippi College—latter as Corresponding Secretary of State Convention.

The Committee upon Woman's Work read their report which after speeches by S. B. Dobbs and J. J. Carter was adopted. See "B."

The Committee on Sustentation made their report which after some discussion by A. V. Rowe and others was adopted. See "C."

At the close of brother Rowe's speech several said they would send Christmas gifts for those who had worn themselves out in the work and for widows and orphans of deceased preachers.

The Committee on Ministerial Education and Mississippi College read their report which was adopted after listening to a speech by brother C. L. Lewis. See "D."

Try pledges were then taken for Mississippi College and Ministerial Education.

Pledges to be sent to Chas. L. Lewis, Raymond, Miss., by Dec. 1, for repair of College.		*Post Office.*	*Geo. Whitfield, Clinton Miss., by 1st Feb, 1895, Ministerl. Ed*
Ackerman	$18 00	Ackerman	$ 5 00
Ruhama	10 25	Chester	5 00
New Zion	21 75	Chester	5 00
Bear Creek	5 00	McCool	5 00
Beulah	2 00	Weir	2 50
Bly's Creek	2 00	Pinto	.....
Smith of Bethany	1 00	Paid to Lewis	.....
Weeks & Oswalt of Bethlehem	2 00	Ackerman	.....
M. A. Biggers, of Clear Springs	1 00	Chester	.....
G. H. McClain, of Fellowship	1 00	Paid to Lewis	.....
French Camp	30 00	French Camp	5 00
D. L. Humphries, of Hogan's Chapel	1 00	Chester	.....
J. H. Butler, of Mt Olivet	1 00	Double Springs	.....
L. C. Funderberg, of Pleasant Ridge	1 00	Paid Lewis	.....
N. Q. Adams	1 00	Sturgis	.....
B. E. Watson	75	Kenago	.....
Mt. Moriah	....	French Camp	2 50
Mt. Pisgah	....	ByWy	2 50
O. F. Chamblee	....	Kenago	1 00
Pleasant Ridge	....	Sturgis	2 50
	$98 75		$36 00

Personal pledges for Sunday-school purposes to be paid by January 1st, 1895. To be sent to B. N. Hatch, Summit, Miss., or A. V. Rowe, Winona, Miss.

W. G. Frazier	Weir,	Miss ..	$1 00
W. T Weeks	Ackerman,	" ..	1 00
O. F. Chamblee	Kenago,	" ..	50
W. H. H. Fancher	French Camp,	" ..	1 00
J. R. W. Foster	Chester,	" ..	1 00
J. D. Weatherall	Chester,	" ..	1 00
Wm. Cole	Riley,	" ..	1 00
M. S. Power	Ackerman	" ..	1 00
W. J. Wilson	French Camp,	" ..	50
F. R. Burney	Stewart,	" ..	55
Total			$8 55
Cash collection			$6 80

Which was turned over to brother B. N. Hatch.

The committee on Missions read their report, which, after a speech by A. H. Rowe, was adopted. See "E."

The committee on Publications read their report. Pending the discussion of this report, adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing and prayer by A. V. Rowe, discussion on publications continued by B. N. Hatch. Adopted. See "F."

Standing committees appointed as follows:

Missions—W. H. H. Fancher, W. J. Wilson, and W. T. Weeks.

Systematic Benevolence—J. H D. Watson, Henry Steele, and J F Berry.

Sunday-schools—H. H. Sykes, F. T. Milligan, and W. M. Weeks.

Mississippi College and Ministerial Education—J. J. Carter, S. B. Dobbs, and J L Power

Woman's Work—D. Burney, C. H. Dobbs, and W. A. Edwards.

Publications—M. A. Carr, M. A Biggers, and W. A. Taylor.

Temperance—B. L. Middleton, W. F. Cole, and W. J. Frazier.

Sustentation—J. A. Hunter, A. P. Berry, and G. W. Henson.

Obituaries—E. R. Seward, G. S. Jenkins, and D. Burney.

The committee on Temperance read their report, which was adopted without discussion. See "G."

The Finance committee read their report, which was adopted. See "H."

Upon motion that the Clerk be appointed Treasurer, and that he have as many minutes printed as he can after paying himself $15 00, and that he distribute them when printed according to amount sent by each church, those not paying to have no share in distribution.

The Executive committee did not make a report. The Clerk is requested to obtain a report from J. L. Power, and have the same printed.

The Colporteur made his report, which was adopted. See "I."

The following resolution was read by J. R. W. Foster:

WHEREAS, The brethren and sisters of Bear Creek church, with their friends and neighbors, have so kindly, generously and sumptuously entertained the delegates of the Chester association and visitors.

Resolved, That the thanks of the association be tendered to the members of Bear Creek church and the citizens of the vicinity for their hospitality. We will ever cherish in grateful remembrance their expressions of untiring sympathy.

Upon motion, W. A. Edwards be continued as Colporteur for the ensuing year.

Brother J. J. Carter was elected to represent us in the next Southern Baptist Convention without cost to association.

Upon motion, that we now take a collection to pay the delegates' expenses at last convention, which was done, and

the entire amount subscribed and paid, to wit $21 45, which was paid to N. Q. Adams for C. H. Dobbs; also, balance due clerk—$3 45—was paid him.

Upon motion, adjourned, to meet with Bethlehem church in Choctaw county, Mississippi, on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1895, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Prayer by T. J. Sargent.

Benediction by W. B. Savage.

N. Q. ADAMS, *Moderator.*

J. R. W. FOSTER, *Clerk.*

"A"

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to report the following:

It has long been admitted that the Sunday School furnishes some of the best means of teaching the Holy Scriptures, and also of developing christian society. Your Committee deplores the fact that this line of christian work has not received the attention its importance demands. We most earnestly insist that there should be a Sunday School in every church, and that the entire church should participate in this good work; it is to the children the church must look for her future help and support, hence the necessity of bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Let us, brethren, work up to our full force.

The Sunday School is one of the best evangelizing agents outside of the living ministry now being used. We recommend for our Schools the literature furnished by the Southern Baptist Convention Board located at Nashville, Tenn

We would most heartily recommend our worthy brother B. N. Hatch, the State Sunday School Evangelist, appointed by the State Board and we would urge all Sunday School scholars to hear him on conducting Sunday Schools when they can, and request all Sunday Schools in this Association to raise and send to A. V. Rowe, our Secretary, at Winona, Miss., such contributions as they can for the Sunday School work of our State, stating that it is for that work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. EDWARDS, Chairman.

"B"

WOMAN'S WORK:—We, your Committee, would respectfully report that in other fields of labor a large amount of work has been done in this important line of service. And that it is a great auxiliary to the cause of Missions. More than $9,000 have been distributed to Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Frontier Missions, the support of young ministers attending Mississippi College, sustentation, the Southern Baptist Convention and home uses as shown by the minutes of our State Convention.

But there is nothing known to your Committee that is being done on this line of service within the bounds of this Association. We, therefore, would urge all our churches to foster the cause of Woman's Work and to give our sisters the encouragement they deserve from every source, that they may become better acquainted with the needs of the world, and make every effort in their power to meet those needs, and that they will show themselves worthy of all commendation by their efforts in establishing and pushing forward this great work in our midst.

Respectfully submitted,
S. B. DOBBS, Chairman.

"C"

SUSTENTATION:—We, your Committee on Sustentation, beg leave to make the following report: This question of Sustentation is one of great importance to every child of redemption or all of God's children.

Sustentation conveys the idea of sustenance, or that there are those in need of help. Now, the Bible clearly points out those whom the church should look after. In the sixth chapter of Acts we find that murmuring arose of the Grecians against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected. On account of this murmuring there was seven men of good report selected from among the disciples, whose duty it was to look after the wants and take care of the poor; the apostle James says, "hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him;" our blessed Master himself when he entered upon His ministry chose his followers from among the poor and humble in life, and for three years went about healing the sick and relieving the distressed and doing good to suffering humanity; thus we

see brethren that it becomes our duty as churches and christians to imitate the example set us by our blessed Saviour and look out the needy and distressed in every commnnity and do all in our power to relieve the same—especially those widows whose husbands have worn themselves out in the cause of the Master Such we think have special claims upon us. We recommend that the Association take some steps to bring this matter more prominently before the churches composing this Association that more interest may be manifested in the future than in the past.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. D. WATSON,
J. H. McCARTY,
W. D. MULLEN,
Committee.

"D."

Report on Mississippi College and Ministerial Education:

The year just closed—1893-1894—has been through the favor of God a prosperous one for our college. The number of students enrolled was 228, against 167 last year. The graduating class numbered 14. The deportment and progress of the students the past year was unusually good. The corps of instructors also has been good, and the good standing of the college abroad is maintained. Financial statement as follows:

Received from matriculation fees	$5,067 15
Interest on investments	2,550 00
For college improvement	348 32
Net income from College hall	130 30
Other sources, contributions, etc	39 85
Total from all sources	$8,135 65

The past year has been a prosperous one for this work. Contributions of both money and supplies have come in freely.

The friends of the work, both men and women, have given liberally, so that although the past year's work began with but little money on hand, yet the work of the Board has not suffered for want of means of support at any time. The receipts of the Board for the year have been above

$1,488 53. Of this sum, $110 00 was from rent and money at interest, and $1,378 53 from contributions; besides this, boxes of supplies were contributed valued at $318 00.

The year closed with about $100 00 on hand, a part of which is being used to repair and repaint the Nelson cottage.

Thirty ministerial students have attended Mississippi College this year; of which number twenty-nine have been more or less aided by the Board of Ministerial Education. Of these, two were sent away for improper conduct, one went home to a sick family and widowed mother, and several left before the close of the session to secure work for the summer. But not one had to leave for want of money to pay board or buy books. The advanced enrollment of students, the ample supply of means to the Board of Ministerial Education, and other encouraging prospects of our college are sufficient cause for gratitude to God and united effort on the part of Mississippi Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. H. FANCHER,
W. M. WEEKS.

"E."

Report on Missions:

1. *Home.* It will be well for those who present the interest of Home Missions to see that they are always understood. Intelligent people often have indistinct or erroneous ideas about this work. Let it be borne in mind that we regard all missions as one, and these various boards and managements are but different bands of workers having charge of special features of the work. There are no antagonisms, but the utmost harmony. We cannot withhold our support from any feature of the work without seriously neglecting our highest interest, as well as our highest duty. Let us who know, see to it that our brethren and sisters know about this work.

Missionaries, 381; weeks of labor, 16 289; churches and stations supplied, 1,229; sermons and addresses, 34,024; baptisms, 4,470; total additions, 8,509; Sunday-schools organized, 429; churches constituted, 133; houses of worship built, 67; Bibles and Testaments distributed, 1,150; tracts

distributed, 390,750. So much can be tabulated, but more has been done, perhaps, that could not be tabulated; of work in cities and various States, and especially among the foreign population in the South. We shall never know, perhaps cannot know, how much we owe to the conservative influence of these workers and to the churches in preserving the peace and promoting the quiet and prosperity of our section of the country.

Foreign Missions. In our foreign mission fields we have now employed 94 missionaries unmarried. In Canton and vicinity (began in 1845), 13 missionaries, 22 native helpers, 5 churches with 806 members, 199 baptisms, 10 schools, and $164 52 contributions; Shanghai and vicinity (1847), 7 missionaries, 5 native assistants, 3 churches, 104 members, 7 baptisms, 28 schools, contributions $86; Fung Chow and vicinity (1860), 12 missionaries, 3 churches, 149 members, 4 baptisms. For African missions, Lagos and interior (1850), 9 missionaries, 7 assistants, 5 churches, 166 members, 24 baptisms, contributions $123 50. Italy, at Rome, Florence, and 14 other towns (1870), 3 missionaries from the United States, 27 native preachers and colporters, 17 churches, 372 members, 38 baptisms, contributions $395. In Brazil, at Bahia and vicinity (1882), 5 missionaries, 4 native helpers, 4 churches, 280 members, 69 baptisms; at Rio and vicinity (1883), 6 missionaries, 5 native preachers, 6 churches, 114 members, 17 baptisms, contributions $715; Pernambuco (1880), 32 members, 23 baptisms, contributions $125; Compos (1890), 4 missionaries, 2 native assistants, 1 church, 93 members, 50 baptisms, contributions $390 In Mexico (1880), 25 missionaries, 15 native helpers, 37 churches, 1,163 members, 277 baptisms, 2 schools, contributions $2,600 25. In Japan (1889), 4 missionaries, 4 native assistants, 1 church, 31 members, 9 baptisms Totals--Churches, 84; members, 3,328; baptisms, 629; schools, 15; contributions, $5,944 27

For the current year the work seems to be nowhere specially impeded, but in every field are continued proofs of Divine favor, and of the power of the Holy Spirit. Our representatives must not be recalled from the front It would cost more to bring them back than to support them there for several months. There are twenty young men and women now applying to our foreign mission board at Richmond asking to be sent as missionaries to foreign

fields. The openings and opportunities for mission work in and around our stations are beyond our conception great. The calls for more laborers are increasing. The board sent out ten new missionaries last year. The expenses of these, together with some new houses needed to be built. and a printing press for Brazil, have brought the Board in debt last May some $30,000. To relieve this debt a subscription was taken up at Dallas, at the meeting of the convention there, amounting to $17,000, and of this amount the women's societies assumed $5,000. This will very much relieve the Board, but still it will be much restricted in its work for want of sufficient support.

The contributions of Mississippi Baptists to the foreign mission work for the past year, as reported, are only $4,165 55, as against $4,228 last year, and $5,830 in 1892, showing a falling off nearly one-third of our contributions in three years. In fact, we have given to the foreign mission work only $500 more this year than we gave to it in 1883, ten years ago. This is to be regretted. And while we of Mississippi have been falling behind, other States have been going forward. In 1883 Alabama gave only $2,494; last year she gave $11,500. Brethren. it is time for us to awake; to humble ourselves before God; to confess our sin in this matter, and take up the line of our duty again. Let us remember that it is doubtless far more pleasing to Christ to save perishing souls, to extend his kingdom and get the heathen for his inheritance. than to build fine churches in the Christian land, to endow fine colleges, and such like. But, while we do not neglect these last-mentioned duties, let us give ourselves with all our strength and energy to to this most important of all enterprises for a Christian people, the foreign Mission work.

The following resolutions are recommended for adoption:

1st. Let every Baptist pastor in the association be requested to bring tha work of Foreign Missions prominently before his churches and take up a liberal contribution for the same. Remember, brethren and pastors, you are the leaders appointed by Chrsit over his people; your churches will do what you say in this matter; they love you and will follow your guidance.

2d. That Christians everywhere are requested to pray

earnestly and continually for a revival of our interest in, and contributions to foreign mission work.

That all pastors be urged to extend the circulation of the *Foreign Mission Journal* among the church members, thus causing them in some means to fulfill Christ's exhortation: "Lift up your eyes and look upon the fields, for they are white already unto the harvest."

State Mission. We cannot but review with gratitude to God the great work done in the evangelization of our State by the agencies of our convention. The Baptists in many towns in which we have strong churches have, in the years gone by, received aid from our missionary organizations which enabled them to secure a sure footing and a steady poise for the progress which they have made. Oxford; Sardis, Aberdeen, Greenville, Vicksburg, Natchez, Winona and many other good towns, have known the fostering care of the old State Missions Board, of our Convention Board, at one time or another.

We can scarcely conceive of the results of the effort put forth by our people in the last twenty years. The Lord in his goodness has greatly blessed the missionaries that have gone forth bearing precious seed, and we rejoice with them in the gathering of the golden grain. Year after year, at the meetings of our conventions, our minds have been refreshed and our hearts made glad by the news of advance somewhere along the lines of effort. But, as much as has been done, we have not yet gotten to the place where our labors may cease. There are yet fields to be occupied, waste places to be built up, and churches to be strengthened from limit to limit of our convention. There is need for the same patient labor, the same tiresome effort, that the past has elicited. Home evangelization, like household duties, is as endless as the flight of time. There will still be something for willing hands to do when our hands have grown weary and laid down the burdens of life.

B. C. McGARRITY.

JOHNNIE KEEN.

"F"

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS:—We, your Commi tee on Publications, beg leave to report as follows:

Whereas, this is a day of excitement and reading, it is necessary that we, as Baptist, should look well to our interest on this line, for what we read has a great influence in shaping our thoughts and character. We recommend the Baptist Record, Meridian, Baptist Layman, Winona, Convention series published at Nashville. Tenn., and Foreign Mission Journal of Richmond, Va. These should be in every Baptist family in the State. We would especially urge pastors to canvass their fields in the interest of these, believing it will be helpful in growth and development in christian work.

Respectfully submitted.

C H. DOBBS, Chairman.

"G"

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE:—We, your Committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

The evils of intemperance and those growing out of the multiplied effects is the greatest monster that to-day confronts the christian world. With a cultivated taste for strong drink and the allurements that attach themselves to the habit, is it any wonder that in its footprints the hydra headed monster creeps along swift to shed blood and commit crime? Is it any wonder that this is the question of the day with the christian in his warfare: How to deal with? How to get at this evil? How to rid ourselves of the evils flowing out of intemperance? These questions your committee cannot answer; but we would recommend that we put on the whole armour of God and fight mightily for our Master.

Let us pray continually that he may deliver us from temptation and keep us from evil. We believe that temperance is a christian virtue, without which no one can build any christian character, hence we believe it is the duty of all christians to be temperate in all things.

We believe the admonition "touch not, taste not, handle not," is a guide for the disciples of Jesus to follow.

Brethren, our deportment should be such that our lives will be as living epistles to be read of all men.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. BIGGERS,
J. R. SMITH,
J. W. RAMAGE.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We have received for minutes $40.60; Missions $8.00; Foreign Missions $7.65; Home Missions $1.00; Associational purposes $6.00; Associational collection Sunday $2.00; Sunday School purposes $6.80; collection on Monday $10.15, making in all received $82.20. We have examined the Treasurers account and find the same correct. This October 8th, 1894.

Respectfully submitted,

B. C. MCGARRITY,
W. T. WEEKS,
J. W. FRANKLIN.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Oct. 1893.	Received of Finance Committee	$87.70
	From churches afterward	9.00
Total		$96.70

Paid out as follows:

	N. Q. Adams, delegate S. B. Convention	$12.85
	T. J. Sargent, order of Association	13.00
	Paid S. M. Ellis for Jenkins	22.30
Nov. 18.	J. L. Gillispie, minutes	28.00
	A. V. Rowe, missions	4.00
	Clerk, superintending minutes, etc	16.52
Total		$96.70
Oct. 1894.	Received from Finance Committee	$82.20

Paid out as follows:

B. N. Hatch, Sunday School purposes	$ 6.80
A. V. Rowe, missions, etc	16.65
N. Q. Adams, for Charley Dobbs	18.15
Clerk for 1894	15.00
For minutes	19.75

"H"

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE:—

This subject has been carefully considered, and we, your committee, are glad to state that the cause is making some progress, a larger interest is being manifested and consequently the collections are increasing in numbers and amounts. While examining the subject we were deeply impressed with the fact that we have not reached the full limit of our duty. We need to be more systematic. It is system that crowns the efforts of christians with success. We know of no better plan than the quarterly collections.

Many of the churches of this Association have been stimulated to a larger interest and have received a better understanding of the work, and in such places the quarterly collection works well; therefore we recommend the quarterly system and ask the pastors to try it for the next year.

DAVID BURNEY, Chairman.

The Executive Committee made no report. The Clerk was requested to get the report from J. L. Power and have it published. Upon motion that the next association begin on Friday at 10 o'clock a. m instead of Saturday and continue until Monday, and delegates from the churches are requested to stay until Association adjourns.

Brother J. J. Carter was selected to represent us in the Southern Baptist Convention.

"I."

The Colporteur's report:

I, W. A. Edwards, colporteur of Chester Association, beg leave to make the following report:

Sermons preached	50
Prayer-meetings visited	34
Bibles sold	16
Testaments sold	40
Other religious books	2
Hymn books	100
	158
Subscribers for *Layman*	48
Assisted in protracted meetings	6
Miles traveled	788

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. EDWARDS.

"J."

Committee on nominations:

Your committee on Nominations beg leave to report as follows:

We recommend as your next Executive Committee, E. R. Seward, S. B. Dobbs, and W. M. Weeks. and that W. H. H. Fancher preach the next introductory sermon in case of failure J. H D. Watson.

Respectfully submitted,

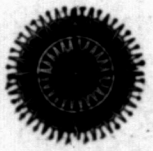
B. C. McGARRITY,
J. M. CARR.

Sunday-schools have increased in number since the last meeting, and there seems to be more interest than then. Many churches through their letters reported that the conversions were from among those who regularly attended Sunday school.

May we not expect greater results next year? If brother B. N. Hatch will lecture a few times in our association during this year, may we not expect to hear better reports from the churches on Sunday school work? Would it not fill the hearts of delegates with joy if every church would report a good Sunday-school at the next meeting?

As I looked at the preachers in our association, and those from abroad, and heard them preach and lecture, I asked myself, Why are they engaged in this work? What prompted them? Why so many left their homes and loved ones to attend to the Master's business? It is the love of God in their hearts, and love for their fellow creatures. In many cases, may it not have been that the starting point was a mother's faithfulness and prayers? Many years ago, I read that the students in a theologicel college who had praying mothers would please stand. and in an instant 150 were on their feet Let us make greater efforts in Sunday-school and all other work in the future than we have in the past, and let us ask Him who giveth all things to bless our efforts.

CLERK.



STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	ADDED BY			LOST BY			Males	Females	Total	PASTOR.	POST OFFI
	Baptized	Letter	Restored	Letter	Excluded	Death					
ACKERMAN	10	7	.....	3	1	1	31	52	83	E. R. Hughey	Ackerman,
BEULAH	11	6	.....	.....	1	1	41	33	74	W. H. H. Fancher.	French Camp,
BLY'S CREEK	5	2	1	.....	.....	.....	32	45	77	N. Q. Adams.....	Sturgis,
BLUFF SPRINGS	12	0	.....	5	.....	3	50	70	120	J. H. D. Watson.....	Kenago,
BETHLEHEM	18	4	.....	3	7	2	87	89	176	J. T. Sargent	Sturgis,
BEAR CREEK	16	3	3	10	1	4	97	107	204	W. H. H. Fancher..	French Camp,
BETHANY	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	119	Jasper Watson.	Chester,
CENTER GROVE	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	7	10	17	Jasper Watson.....	Chester,
CLEAR SPRINGS	1	4	1	4	....	1	20	32	52	G. W. Henson.....	By Wy,
DOUBLE SPRINGS	10	6	3	6	1	1	50	88	138	N. Q. Adams.....	Sturgis,
EBENEZER	.....	.....	.....	4	1	.....	25	31	56	J. C. Peacock	Bankston,
ENNIS	.....	.....	.. ...	2	.....	1	16	22	38	W. A. Edwards.....	Ackerman,
FELLOWSHIP	13	11	3	6	1	.....	44	63	107	B. L. Middleton.....	Sapa,
FRENCH CAMP	1	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	31	64	No pastor.....	.....
HOGANS CHAPEL	6	1	1	2	.....	.....	21	25	46	G. W. Henson.....	By Wy,
MT. MORIAH	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	28	28	56	J. H. D. Watson.....	Kenago,
MT. OLIVET	8	8	4	9	.....	.....	23	33	56	A. P. Berry	Sturgis,
MT. PISGAH	19	7	1	5	5	.....	40	59	99	David Burney	Ackerman,
McCURTAINS CREEK	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	159	J. H. D Watson	Kenago,
NEW ZION	8	6	2	.....	1	.....	56	76	132	W. H. H. Fancher..	French Camp,
NEW HAVEN	4	4	.....	1	.....	1	42	65	107	J. T Sargent.....	Sturgis,
NEW HOPE	19	10	8	1	1	1	.....	.....	54	Pastor not named...	Longview,
PLEASANT RIDGE	.....	8	.....	2	.....	1	20	34	54	N. Q. Adams.....	Sturgis,
PROVIDENCE	3	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	33	30	63	J. H. D. Watson.....	Kenago,
RUHAMA	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	23	43	W. H. H. Fancher..	French Camp,
SPRING HILL	11	2	4	2	2	.....	36	46	76	A. P. Berry	Ackerman,
SYKES CHAPEL	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	22	34	W. A. Edwards.....	Ackerman,
WOODS SPRING	9	6	.....	4	.....	.....	40	35	75	J. C. Peacock	Bankston,
WAKE FOREST	14	1	.....	1	.....	.....	27	48	75	J. D. Fulton.....	Louisville.
STURGIS	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	J. T. Sargent	.....
FENTRESS	7	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	14	11	25	.....	Fentress,
TOTALS	214	100	31	78	22	18	898	1149	2467	Sturgis and Fentress the number ea	

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ASTOR.	POST OFFICE.	CLERK.	POST OFFICE.
lughey	Ackerman, Miss ..	J. L. Power.....	Ackerman.....Miss.
H. Fancher.	French Camp, Miss...	J. H. Eddleman.....	Weir.....Miss.
Adams.....	Sturgis, Miss...	A. R. Hester	Pinto.....Miss.
. Watson.....	Kenago, Miss...	T. J. Lindsey.....	Eupora.....Miss.
argent	Sturgis, Miss...	W. T. Weeks.....	Ackerman.....Miss.
H. Fancher..	French Camp, Miss...	W. H. Black.....	McCove.....Miss.
Watson.	Chester, Miss...	Walter Stedman.....	Chester.....Miss.
Watson.....	Chester, Miss ..	A. O. Douglas.....	Maben.....Miss.
Henson.....	By Wy, Miss ..	J. P. Biggers.....	Chester.....Miss.
Adams.....	Sturgis, Miss...	J. O. Templeton.....	Maben.....Miss.
eacock	Bankston, Miss...	J. O. McGarry.....	Sturgis.....Miss.
Edwards.....	Ackerman, Miss...	J. M. Keeton.....	Cagle.....Miss.
iddleton.....	Supa, Miss...	J. H. Woodward....	Pinto.....Miss.
or.....	.....	W. A. Taylor.....	French Camp.....Miss.
Henson.....	By Wy, Miss...	E. C. Johnson.....	Chester.....Miss.
Watson.....	Kenago, Miss..	H. R. Kitt.....	Kenago.....Miss.
erry	Sturgis, Miss...	C. H. Butler.....	Sturgis.....Miss.
Burney	Ackerman, Miss...	C. S. Bowles.....	Bywy.....Miss.
Watson	Kenago, Miss...	T. N. Trussell.....	Bankston.....Miss.
H. Fancher..	French Camp, Miss...	J. T. Weatheral'.....	Chester.....Miss.
rgent.....	Sturgis, Miss...	A. W. Chamblee.....	Kenago.....Miss.
not named...	Longview, Miss...	Clerk not named.....	Longview.....Miss.
Adams.....	Sturgis, Miss..	T. E. Veasy.....	Bradley.....Miss.
Watson.....	Kenago, Miss...	J. H. McCartey.....	Chester.....Miss.
H. Fancher..	French Camp, Miss...	J. R. W. Foster	Chester.....Miss.
erry	Ackerman, Miss...	J. O. Ray.....	Dido.....Miss.
Edwards.....	Ackerman, Miss...	R. W. Sykes.....	Longview.....Miss.
eacock	Bankston, Miss...	J. M. Woods.	Bankston.....Miss.
lton.....	Louisville. Miss...	W. Woodson.....	Sturgis .....Miss.
rgent	.....	W. C. Smith.....	Sturgis.....Miss.
.....	Fentress, Miss...	Joe Thompson.....	Fentress.....Miss.

is and Fentress the number each had last year.

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES.	Associational Missions	Foreign Missions	Missions	Sunday-school Expenses	Pastor's Salary	Other than Pastor.	Sustentation	Other Objects	Value of Churches	Minute Fund	Foreign Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Convention
	sent	with	l'tt'r								sentoff	during	year	
FRENCH CAMP				$ 5 00	$ 2 00	$30 50			$1,600	$ 2 00				$17
ACKERMAN				3 00	1 65	33 45				1 50	$ 9 00	$4 50		
PROVIDENCE	1 00	1 00		5 00						1 00	6 00			
RUHAMA				2 50	55 50	14 00			400 00	2 00	90	1 90		
ENNIS										50				
MT. PISGAH	1 00				50 25	7 00		1 50		2 00		1 40	2 50	
NEW HOPE									500 00	75				
SYKES CHAPEL						2 70				75		3 60		
CLEAR SPRINGS								2 00		1 25	8 05			
NEW HAVEN					75 00	4 50				1 25				
BLY'S CREEK			3 00							1 50	4 60			
CENTER GROVE					25 00				50 00	50				
WOODS SPRING										1 30				
DOUBLE SPRINGS		40	2 40		35 65	4 30				2 00	1 80	2 40		
McCURTAINS CREEK										1 80				
MT. MORIAH					40 00	75				1 00				
FELLOWSHIP				2 50		2 90				1 25			2 50	
HOGANS CHAPEL		6 25								1 00				
PLEASANT RIDGE			2 60		46 00	4 75			400 00	1 50	6 90		8 25	
SPRING HILL										1 50				
BLUFF SPRINGS	1 00									1 25	2 00			
NEW ZION					112 50				600 00	2 00		2 35		
BETHLEHEM	3 00			3 00	70 00					2 50				
BEAR CREEK				5 00	119 50				875 00	2 50		5 00	5 98	
EBENEZER										1 00				
MT. OLIVET										1 50				
BEULAH										2 00				
BETHANY										1 50				
STURGIS (No report)														
FENTRESS (No report)														
WAKE FOREST														
TOTALS	6 00	7 65	8 00	$26 00	994 50	104 85		3 50	$4125	$40 60	$39 25	$21 15	$19 23	

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	Foreign Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Convention Board	Pledges to Miss. College	Incidentals	Song Books—Sunday-school	Convention Board S. S.	Literature	Ministerial Education	Church house Bay St. Louis	Other Purposes
	sent off	during	year									
00	.....	.....	.....	$17 40	$30 00	$ 5 15	2 25	3 60	$ 6 95			
50	$ 9 00	$4 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	$15 00	$ 4 25	$27 40
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00	.....	1 40	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 80	.....	.....
75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
75	.....	3 60	.....	.....	.....	2 95	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	1 00
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50	6 90	.....	8 25	.....	.....	4 50	.....	.....	6 50	4 30	.....	.....
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25	2 00	.....	.....	.....	21 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....
00	.....	2 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....
50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 55	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....
50	.....	5 00	5 98	.....	.....	82 20	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....
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60	$39 25	$21 15	$19 23		$61 25	$96 35			$25 45	$57 77	$4 25	$48 40